

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated October 12, 2004. Claims 12-17 and 24-29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Claims 1-17 and 24-29 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, the obviousness rejections with respect to same should be rendered moot and further withdrawn.

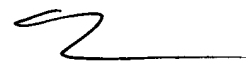
As previously indicated, Claims 18-23 remain presently pending. Further, Claims 18-23 should be rendered allowable as indicated in the Office Action.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit reconsideration of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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